

NEVADA YACHT CLUB  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
March 16, 2007

Minutes of the Nevada Yacht Club (NYC/the Club) held March 16, 2007 at the Lake Mead Marina. The minutes were prepared by John Crawford, Secretary.

**Item I: Commodore Joedy Sisler**

Commodore Joedy called the meeting to order at 1938 hours. Nearly 50 members and guests introduced themselves and identified their sailing yachts. New members were: Stephen Foster, Capri 30, Stir-it-up, (702) 768-8017; Gavin Green, Catalina 36, Bolero, (702) 736-7875; Roy Hookham, Catalina 22, Pure N Simple (702) 566-0366.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the previous meeting 2/16/07. The motion passed.

**Item II: Vice Commodore John Connolly**

Vice Commodore John Connolly described plans for Spring Sail Training March 31 and April 1. Classes will start at the Water Safety Center. John has already scheduled 20 students, toward an enrollment capacity of 60 students. The advertisement in the Las Vegas Review Journal has started. Beth Clark has announced the Sail Training at the Lake Mead Sailing Club meeting last week, asking for on-the-water instructors with sailboats. John similarly asked for on-the-water instructors with sailboats. The cost is \$25 per student, most of which covers the cost of the Basic Keelboat textbook from U. S. Sailing. John reported most previous classroom instructors have again volunteered for the classroom. He circulated a sign up sheet for instructors at the meeting. He will continue the recent Sail Training curriculum addition of dockside instruction and activities, including knot tying. John has collected many of the instructional forms from previous Sail Training coordinator Steve Smith. Joedy offered additional forms from his computer files, as well as offering to prepare new forms as needed.

John described lunch plans for the Sail Training. Food vendors have sometimes been overloaded by the size of the Sail Training group. John recommended instructors consider bringing their own bag lunch each day, and will inform each trainee about that recommendation as they sign up.

**Item III: Staff Commodore John D'Acunto**

John reported on preparations for the Leukemia Cup Regatta. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year Nevada Yacht Club has conducted the Leukemia Cup Regatta. Beth Clark is serving as chair for the event. Advertisement for the event continues. John reported that the March 2007 issue of Latitude 38 magazine lists our Leukemia Cup Regatta in their calendar of events. The publicity there and in other publications for the Regatta and our Club gives us

regional and national recognition. Publicity provides benefits for the club, in addition to the fund raising and good sailboat racing.

Beth brought commemorative t-shirts for the Regatta. In addition to the great picture on the back, the t-shirts listed more than a dozen Regatta sponsors. Also listed are nearly twenty-five sailboats already registered for the Regatta. T-shirts will continue to be sold throughout the event.

Beth described dinners and banquets for the Regatta. All festivities will be held at the Hacienda Hotel in Henderson. A special dinner and party will be held each day for the Regatta. Friday night is dinner and dancing, with the Tommy Rucker band. Saturday night had a Gala dinner and dance. Sunday afternoon is the awards dinner. Members are encouraged to purchase tickets for each and all the dinner events. Breakfast buffet is also available at the Hacienda.

**Item IV: Secretary John Crawford**

John informed the members that the minutes of the meetings will soon be posted on the website. A special link will be prepared for this crucial communication resource. The link will allow club members to review the events of meetings they have been unable to attend. It will also serve as an ongoing record of progress for the club.

John brought a supply of the NYC burgee stickers. All agreed that these are an essential fashion item for the Leukemia Cup Regatta. In addition to NYC burgee stickers for their sailing yachts, many club members purchased stickers for their automobiles and for their homes.

**Item V: Treasurer Angelo Gurreri**

Treasurer Angelo was unable to attend but sent a report. Floyd White presented the report. In addition to the race committee powerboat Grilleville and associated race committee hardware, the Club has:

7758 capital fund  
8948 checking  
\$16706 total

Presently the club has 44 paid memberships.

**Item VI: Fleet Captain David Hoch**

Fleet Captain David described plans for the next race, Winter Series #3 (of 3). Abundance will serve as race committee boat, with Grilleville in the shop for repairs.

On another topic, David noted that the trophies in the case at Lake Mead Marina have not been used for years. He suggested creating an awards committee to develop a plan to update and use the trophies. Three trophies will be needed for the Nevada Cup, one for each class: Spinnaker, Non-spinnaker A, and Non-spinnaker B.

Trophies were awarded for recent races. Trophies were awarded for the Women's Regatta:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kim Lighthart, Windermere
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Michelle Gober, Caligirl
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Joyce Smith, Winsornaut

Trophies were awarded for the Echo Bay Race:

Spinnaker

- 1<sup>st</sup> Fred DeSouza, Golden

Non-spinnaker A

- 1<sup>st</sup> Beth Clark, B Natural
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Smith, Winsornaut
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan Gober, Caligirl

Non-spinnaker B

- 1<sup>st</sup> Gavin Green, Bolero
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Randy Holt, Swingin' Dixie

David offered special appreciation to Fred DeSouza for organizing and conducting the first Novice Race Training. This session covered starts and upwind sailing. Club members are looking forward to the next second class in this new event, downwind sailing and finishing.

#### **Item VII: Membership Chair Shay Sisler**

Membership Chair Shay announced that membership cards have been distributed to the Club members. Among the privileges of club membership are reduced entry fees in the many Nevada Yacht Club races.

#### **Item VIII: Webmaster**

Commodore Joedy explained that Webmaster Marty Smihula has moved from Las Vegas area. Joedy recalled that Marty had also served diligently as NYC Fleet Captain. Joedy thanked Marty for his excellent service to the Club and wished him and his family success in their next adventures.

Joedy announced the appointment of Fred DeSouza as the new Webmaster for Nevada Yacht Club.

#### **Item IX: Old Business**

Topic A

Glenn Frank reported on the progress of the Committee to Study Club House Feasibility. The next meeting is scheduled after the Leukemia Cup Regatta.

Topic B

Steve Smith reported Grilleville is at Vogue Marine for repairs. The Club race committee boat is having engine problems of uncertain cause. Steve will report further at the next Board meeting.

#### Topic C

Steve Smith discussed a proposal to move the April 28 race to May 6. Discussion followed. A motion was made and seconded. The motion carried.

A second proposal was made to move the starting time for the April 29 Women's Race to a later hour. Discussion followed. A motion was made and seconded to move the start time to 1:00PM. The motion carried.

#### Topic D

David Hack described interest in the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) system used by NYC. Joedy explained that the class rules and by-laws for PHRF of Southern California are available on the internet. They can be accessed directly, or through the link on the NYC website. Joedy indicated a plan for a PHRF agenda item for the next NYC Board Meeting.

The March General Meeting of Nevada Yacht Club was adjourned by Commodore Joedy Sisler at 2056 hours.

\*\*\*Next General Meeting: Friday, April 20, 2007, 7:00 PM, Lake Mead Marina\*\*\*